

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: **PLAYBACK APPARATUS, PROGRAM
AND PLAYBACK METHOD**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sirs:

Prior to the examination of the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: